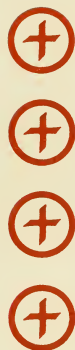


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## INTRODUCTION

The FORTY HOURS DEVOTION to the Body and Blood of Christ is time honored in the Church, dating back to the 12th century. It began as prayer for peace, penitence and atonement for sin. This same prayerful response of the faithful is even more urgent in our time.

In our era we live with a renewed awareness of the central position of the Sacrifice of the Mass in our worship. This is a time when the revealed word of God in Sacred Scripture is once again rightly engaging the imagination and interest of the layman.

It is, therefore, the purpose of this booklet to encourage greater parish participation in the traditionally sanctioned Eucharistic Adoration; to emphasize that Forty Hours Devotion is a fitting continuation of the more basic Eucharistic celebration in the Mass; to help Catholics in their devout approach to God revealed in His written word and revealed in His flesh and blood.

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUCHARISTIC CULT

132. Now, the Church in the course of centuries has introduced various forms of this worship which are ever increasing in beauty and helpfulness: as, for example, visits of devotion to the tabernacles, even every day; benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; solemn processions, especially at the time of Eucharistic Congress, which pass through cities and villages; and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed. Sometimes these public acts of adoration are of short duration. Sometimes they last for one, several and even for forty hours. In certain places they continue in turn in different churches throughout the year, while elsewhere adoration is perpetual day and night, under the care of religious communities, and the faithful quite often take part in them.

133. These exercises of piety have brought a wonderful increase in faith and supernatural life to the Church militant upon earth and they are re-echoed to a certain extent by the Church triumphant in heaven which sings continually a hymn of praise to God and to the Lamb "who was slain." Wherefore, the Church not merely approves these pious practices, which in the course of centuries have spread everywhere throughout the world, but makes them her own, as it were, and by her authority commends them. They spring from the inspiration of the liturgy and if they are performed with due propriety and with faith and piety, as the liturgical rules of the Church require, they are undoubtedly of the very greatest assistance in living the life of the liturgy.

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# FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

## THE FIRST DAY

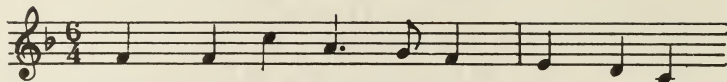
### *Morning*

The emphasis for the first day is on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If the opening Mass is to be celebrated in the morning, it should be celebrated in a festive manner. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration before the final ablution, and an appropriate hymn and incensation of the Blessed Sacrament follow immediately after Mass. If time permits, there can be a procession during which the Litany of the Saints is either recited or sung in English. When there is a procession after Mass, the "Benedicamus Domino" replaces the "Ite Missa est", the final blessing and the last Gospel are omitted.

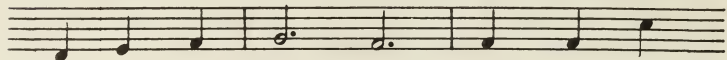
# THE FIRST DAY *Evening*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

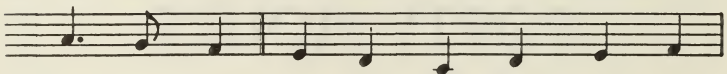
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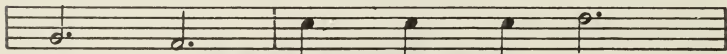
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2. Praise to the Lord, let us of - fer our
3. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is



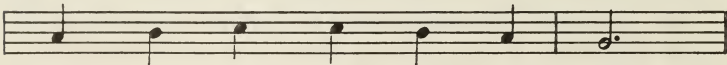
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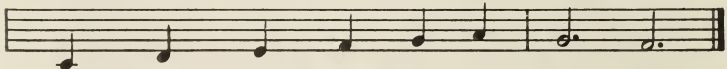
1. praise Him for He is our health and sal -
2. sins and of - fen - ses now cause us to
3. life and breath come now re - joic - ing be -



1. va - tion. All you who hear,
2. fal - ter. Christ, the High - Priest,
3. fore Him. Let the A - men



1. now to the al - tar draw near;
2. bids us all join in His feast,
3. sound from His peo - ple a - gain,



1. Join in pro - found a - do - ra - tion.
2. Vic - tims with Him on the al - tar.
3. As we here wor - ship be - fore Him.



## PREPARATORY PRAYER

### A CALL TO PRAISE

PSALM 94

**KNEEL**

**Priest** Come, let us bow down in worship;/  
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.  
For he is our God,/and we are the people he shepherds, the flock  
he guides.

**All** Come, let us bow down in worship;/  
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

**Priest** Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us greet him with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**All** Come, let us bow down in worship;/  
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

**Priest** For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great king above all gods;  
In his hands are the depths of the earth,  
and the tops of the mountains are his.  
His is the sea, for he has made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**All** Come, let us bow down in worship;/  
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

**Priest** Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meriba,  
as in the day of Massa in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works.

**All** Come, let us bow down in worship;/  
let us kneel before the Lord who made us./  
For he is our God,/and we are the people he shepherds, the flock  
he guides.

**Priest** Hear the Word of God.  
Listen to the story of how God fed His people in the desert and how they disobeyed His commands.

**Exodus 16:4—36**

**SIT**

*The Quail and Manna* Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not. On the sixth day, however, when they prepare what they bring in, let it be twice as much as they gather on the other days." So Moses and Aaron told all the Israelites, "At evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt; and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, as he heeds your grumbling against him. But what are we that you should grumble against us? When the Lord gives you flesh to eat in the evening," continued Moses, "and in the morning your fill of bread, as he heeds the grumbling you utter against him, what then are we? Your grumbling is not against us, but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Tell the whole Israelite community: Present yourselves before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling." When Aaron announced this to the whole Israelite community, they turned toward the desert, and lo, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud! The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the Lord, am your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat.

*Regulations  
Regarding  
the Manna*

"Now, this is what the Lord has commanded. So gather it that everyone has enough to eat, a gomor for each person, as many of you as there are, each man providing for those of his own tent." The Israelites did so. Some gathered a large and some a small amount. But when they measured it out by the gomor, he who had gathered a large amount did not have too much, and he who had gathered a small amount did not have too little. They so gathered that everyone had enough to eat. Moses also told them, "Let no one keep any of it over until tomorrow morning." But they would not listen to him. When some kept a part of it over until the following morning, it became wormy and rotten. Therefore Moses was displeased with them.

Morning after morning they gathered it, till each had enough to eat; but when the sun grew hot, the manna melted away. On the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, two gomors for each person. When all the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses, he told them, "That is what the Lord prescribed. Tomorrow is a day of complete rest, the Sabbath, sacred to the Lord. You may either bake or boil the manna, as you please; but whatever is left put away and keep for the morrow." When they put it away for the morrow, as Moses commanded, it did not become rotten or wormy. Moses then said, "Eat it today, for today is the Sabbath of the Lord. On this day you will not find any of it on the ground. On the other six days you can gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, none of it will be there." Still, on the seventh day some of the people went out to gather it, although they did not find any. Then the Lord said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and laws? Take note! The Lord has given you the Sabbath. That is why on the sixth day he gives you food for two days. On the seventh day everyone is to stay home and no one is to go out." After that the people rested on the seventh day.

The Israelites called this food manna. It was like coriander seed, but white, and it tasted like wafers made with honey.

Moses said, "This is what the Lord has commanded. Keep a gomorful of manna for your descendants, that they may see what food I gave you to eat in the desert when I brought you out of the land of Egypt." Moses then told Aaron, "Take an urn and put a gomor of manna in it. Then place it before the Lord in safekeeping for your descendants." So Aaron placed it in front of the Commandments for safekeeping, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

The Israelites ate this manna for forty years, until they came to settled land; they ate manna until they reached the borders of Chanaan.

**Priest** We thank God for all His blessings: for His forgiveness, for permitting us to enter His presence, for His power, for His great bounty.

**PSALM 64**

**SOLEMN THANKSGIVING FOR  
GOD'S BOUNTY**

**STAND**

**Epistle Side:**

Praise is Your due, O God, in Sion/  
and the fulfilling of vows, O Hearer of prayers!

**Gospel Side:**

To You all flesh must come, because of our sins;/  
our faults overwhelm us, but You will forgive;

**E.** How blessed is the man whom You choose  
and bring into Your presence,/  
he will dwell in Your courts:

**G.** May we be filled with the bounty of Your house,/  
with the holiness of Your temple!

**E.** Your goodness answers us with wonders,  
O God of our salvation,/  
hope of the ends of the world, and of the seas  
afar:

**G.** Your power sets firm the mountains,/  
You are girded with might,

- E. You calm the raging sea,/
- the roaring of its waves and the tumult of the  
nations:
- G. And all who live in the whole world fear You,/
- because of Your wonderful deeds,
- E. The farthest lands of east and west/
- You fill with joy.
- G. You visit the earth and water it,/
- You load it with riches:
- E. God's river is filled with water,/
- You prepare the grain, You prepare the earth  
for it,
- G. By soaking the furrows, settling the ridges:/
- You soften it with showers, You bless the first  
shoots:
- E. You crown the year with Your kindness,/
- a rich harvest springs up as You pass by:
- G. The desert pastures are blooming,/
- the hills are clothed in gladness,
- E. The mountains are clad with herds,/
- the valleys covered with grain:
- G. They shout with delight,/
- they are singing!

Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

**Priest** Let us pray.

LET US ALL KNEEL and pray silently.

Here the priest may suggest intentions or considerations for prayer.

— a period of silent prayer —

**Priest** LET US ALL STAND.

Here the priest collects the sentiments and petitions into a formal prayer.



**Priest** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the Father's will and the cooperation of the Holy Spirit, through your death brought life to the world, deliver us by the sacrament of your Body and Blood, from all our sins and from every evil. Make us always obedient to your commandments, and never allow us to be parted from you; who lives and rules with the same God the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

**All** AMEN.

*If time and circumstances permit, the CHOIR may sing a hymn or motet at this time.*



**Priest** Hear the word of God.  
Listen to the story of how Christ promised His Body and Blood, with the assurance of life everlasting.

**St. John 6:26—72**

**SIT**

Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you seek me, not because you have seen signs, but because you have eaten of the loaves and have been filled. Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for that which endures unto life everlasting, which the Son of Man will give you. For upon him the Father, God himself, has set his seal."

They said therefore to him, "What are we to do that we may perform the works of God?" In answer Jesus said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." They said therefore to him, "What sign, then,

dost thou, that we may see and believe thee? What work dost thou perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the desert, even as it is written,

‘Bread from heaven he gave them to eat.’”

Jesus then said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

They said therefore to him, “Lord, give us always this bread.”

But Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst. But I have told you that you have seen me and you do not believe. All that the Father gives to me shall come to me, and him who comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. Now this is the will of him who sent me, the Father, that I should lose nothing of what he has given me, but that I should raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father who sent me, that whoever beholds the Son, and believes in him, shall have everlasting life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

The Jews therefore murmured about him because he had said, “I am the bread that has come down from heaven.” And they kept saying, “Is this not Jesus the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How, then, does he say, “I have come down from heaven’?”

In answer therefore Jesus said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets,

‘And they all shall be taught of God.’

Everyone who has listened to the Father, and has learned, comes to me; not that anyone has seen the Father except him who is from God, he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say

to you, he who believes in me has life everlasting.

"I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert, and have died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that if anyone eat of it he will not die. I am the living bread that has come down from heaven. If anyone eat of this bread he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews on that account argued with one another, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus therefore said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has life everlasting and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, abides in me and I in him. As the living Father has sent me, and as I live because of the Father, so he who eats me, he also shall live because of me. This is the bread that has come down from heaven; not as your fathers ate the manna, and died. He who eats this bread shall live forever."

These things he said when teaching in the synagogue at Capharnaum.

Many of his disciples therefore, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying. Who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were murmuring at this, said to them, "Does this scandalize you? What then if you should see the Son of Man ascending where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some among you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was who should betray him.

And he said, "This is why I have said to you, 'No one can come to me unless he is enabled to do so by my Father.'" From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

Jesus therefore said to the Twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter therefore answered, "Lord, to whom



shall we go? Thou hast words of everlasting life, and we have come to believe and to know that thou art the Christ, the Son of God."

**Priest** We rejoice in God's goodness and mercy. He is the friend of the just and the refuge of those in trouble.

PSALM 33

TASTE AND SEE

STAND

**Epistle Side:**

At all times will I bless the Lord,  
His praise is ever in my mouth:

**Gospel Side:**

In the Lord let my soul glory,  
the poor will hear me and be glad.

**E.** O glorify the Lord with me,  
together let us praise His name!

**G.** I sought the Lord and He heard me,  
He rescued me from all my fears:

**E.** Gaze at Him, and be bright with joy,  
no shame darkening your faces:

**G.** See, the poor man cried and the Lord heard him,  
He saved him from all his troubles.

**E.** The angel of the Lord encamps/  
round those who fear Him, and delivers them.

**G.** O taste and see that the Lord is good,  
happy the man who flees to Him!

**E.** Fear the Lord, you His holy ones,  
those who fear Him want for nothing:

**G.** Men of power grow poor and hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.

**E.** Come, children, hear me,  
The fear of the Lord I will teach you:

**G.** Are you a man who longs for life,  
who desires long days of good fortune?

- E.** Keep your tongue from evil,  
your lips from speaking with deceit:
- G.** Turn from evil, do good,  
look for peace and pursue it.
- E.** The eyes of the Lord are on the good,  
His ears attentive to their cries:
- G.** The Lord frowns on those who do evil,  
to erase their memory from the earth.
- E.** Good men cry out and the Lord hears them,  
He rescues them from all their troubles:
- G.** The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,  
He saves the bruised in spirit:
- E.** A good man has many troubles,  
but the Lord will free him from them all:
- G.** The Lord protects his every bone,  
not one shall be broken:
- E.** Malice drives the wicked on to death,  
those who hate the just man shall be punished:
- G.** The Lord redeems the souls of His servants,  
no man will be punished who takes refuge in  
Him.

Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

**Priest** Let us pray.  
LET US ALL KNEEL and pray silently.  
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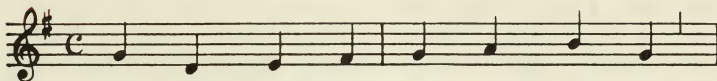
**Priest** LET US ALL STAND.  
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**Priest** Lord Jesus Christ, let not the partaking of Thy Body which we, though unworthy, make bold to receive, turn to our judgment and condemnation; but by reason of Thy loving

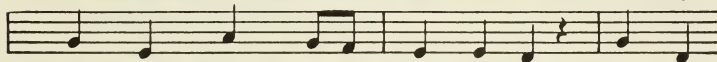
kindness, may it be to us a safeguard of soul and body, and an effective remedy; who lives and rules with the same God the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

All AMEN.

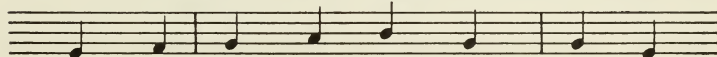
### SING WITH JOY THE SAVIOR'S GLORY



1. Sing with joy the Sav-iour's glo - ry,
2. On the night of His last sup - per,
3. While we bow in ad - o - ra - tion,

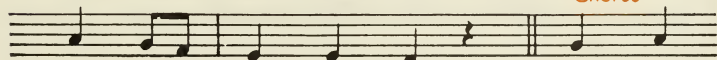


1. Of His flesh the mys-'try sing; Of the
2. Seat-ed with His chos-en band, He as
3. Let our hearts His gift re-vere; Faith, its

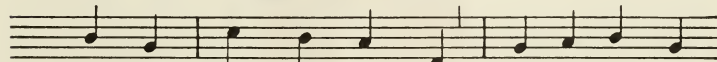


1. Blood all price ex - ceed - ing, Shed by
2. Food to all His breth - ren Gave Him -
3. aid to vi - sion lend - ing, Tells that

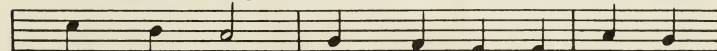
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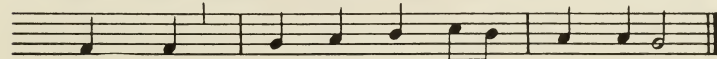
1. our im - mor - tal King. Men and
2. self with His own hand.
3. He, un - seen, is here.



an - gels, sing in cho - rus, And a-dor - ing



bend the knee! Praise our God whom here be -



fore us In the sa - cred Host we see.

If a sermon is preached at this point, it is followed by the Apostle's Creed, a profession of faith recited by the congregation.

## STAND

**All** I believe in GOD THE FATHER almighty,/ creator of heaven and earth./ And in JESUS CHRIST, His only Son, Our Lord,/ Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,/ born of the Virgin Mary,/ suffered under Pontius Pilate,/ was crucified, died, and was buried./ He descended into hell,/ the third day he arose again from the dead./ He ascended into heaven,/ and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty,/ from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead./

I believe in the HOLY SPIRIT,/ the holy Catholic Church,/ the communion of saints,/ the forgiveness of sins,/ the resurrection of the body,/ and life everlasting./ Amen.

Concluding ceremonies for the first and second day begin with the **TANTUM ERGO** (page 41).

For the third day, concluding ceremonies begin with the **LITANY OF THE SAINTS** (page 35).



## THE SECOND DAY *Morning*

At the parish Mass the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration at the Communion time. An appropriate hymn and incensation follow immediately after Mass.

## THE SECOND DAY *Evening*

ENTRANCE HYMN (page 6)

PREPARATORY PRAYER (page 7)

**Priest** Hear the Word of God.  
Listen to the story of how God pursues those who need redemption, and how He will care for them.

Ezekiel 34: 11—31

**SIT**

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the foreign lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel (in the land's ravines and all its inhabited places). In good pastures will I pasture them, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing ground. There they shall lie down on good grazing ground, and in rich pastures shall they be pastured on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal (but the sleek and the strong I will destroy), shepherding them rightly.

*Separation  
of the Sheep*

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord God, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. Was it not enough for you to graze on the best pasture, that you had to trample the rest of your pastures with your feet? Was it not enough for you to drink the clearest water, that you had to foul the remainder with your feet? Thus my sheep had to graze on what your feet had trampled and drink what your feet had fouled. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Now will I judge between the fat and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and butt all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them out, I will save my sheep so that they may no longer be despoiled, and I will judge between one sheep and another. I will appoint one shepherd over them to pasture them, my servant David; he shall pasture them and be their shepherd. I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I, the Lord, have spoken.

I will make a covenant of peace with them, and rid the country of ravenous beasts, that they may dwell securely in the desert and sleep in the forests. I will place them about my hill, sending rain in due season, rains that shall be a blessing to them. The trees of the field shall bear their fruits, and the land its crops, and they shall dwell securely on their own soil. Thus they shall know that I am the Lord when I break the bonds of their yoke and free them from the power of those who enslaved them. They shall no longer be despoiled by the nations or devoured by beasts of the earth, but shall dwell secure, with no one to frighten them. I will prepare for them peaceful fields for planting; they shall no longer be carried off by famine in the land, or bear the reproaches of the nations. Thus they shall know that I, the Lord, am their God, and they are my people, the house of Israel, says the Lord God. (You, my sheep, you are the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God.)

**Priest** We thank God for His fatherly care and for the invitation He extends us to live as His children.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

STAND

Epistle Side:

The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall not want:

Gospel Side:

He gives me rest in green pastures,  
He leads me to waters of peace:

E. He refreshes my soul,  
He guides me by right paths for His Name's  
sake:

G. Though I walk through a death-dark valley,  
I fear no harm,

E. For You are with me,  
Your rod and Your staff reassure me.

G. You spread a table before me,  
in the sight of my enemies:

E. You perfume my head with oil,  
my cup brims over:

G. Yes, goodness and mercy will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

E. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,

G. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Priest LET US PRAY.

LET US ALL KNEEL and pray silently.

Here the priest may suggest intentions or considerations for prayer.

— a period of silent prayer —

**Priest** LET US ALL STAND.

Here the priest collects the sentiments and petitions into a formal prayer.

**Priest** O Almighty God, may we always proudly rejoice in your gift of grace, which has brought us back to life again. You raised up our fallen world by the humiliation of your own Son. May we, your faithful people, be always joyful on earth, and, by being rescued from the danger of eternal death, come to everlasting happiness in heaven. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All** AMEN.

If time and circumstances permit, the **CHOIR** may sing a hymn or motet at this time.



**Priest** Hear the Word of God.

Listen to the story of how easily we may go astray, following a false shepherd. Learn how Christ, the shepherd, even at the cost of His life, wishes to lead us to our heavenly Father.

John 10: 1—18

**SIT**

*The Good  
Shepherd*

“Amen, amen, I say to you, he who enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up another way, is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is shepherd of the sheep.

To this man the gatekeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads



them forth. And when he has let out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. But a stranger they will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

This parable Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Again, therefore, Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever have come are thieves and robbers; but the sheep have not heard them. I am the door. If anyone enter by me he shall be safe, and shall go in and out, and shall find pastures. The thief comes only to steal, and slay, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. But the hireling, who is not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees. And the wolf snatches and scatters the sheep; but the hireling flees because he is a hireling, and has no concern for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, even as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And other sheep I have that are not of this fold. Them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again. Such is the command I have received from my Father.”

**Priest** Despite temptations and confusion, we trust in God’s guidance, knowing that He can lead us to eternal security in the bosom of the Father.

#### PSALM 26

### FEARLESS FAITH IN GOD

**Epistle Side:**

**STAND**

The Lord is my light and my salvation,—/  
whom shall I fear?

### Gospel Side:

- The Lord is my life's stronghold,—  
of whom shall I be afraid?
- E.** When the wicked attack me to devour my flesh,  
my foes and my enemies—they stumble and fall!
- G.** Though a host encamp against me, my heart  
shall not fear,  
though a war be waged against me, yet will I  
trust.
- E.** One thing I ask of the Lord, one thing I implore,  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of  
my life,
- G.** To behold the Lord's beauty,  
to gaze on His temple.
- E.** For in the day of evil He will hide me in His tent,  
hide me in the secret place of His dwelling:  
He will set me high on a rock,—
- G.** Even now my head is lifted up/  
above my encircling foes.
- E.** And in His tent I will offer sacrifices, shouting  
with joy,  
I will sing to the Lord and give praise.
- G.** Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry out,  
have pity and answer my prayer.
- E.** My heart speaks to You, "I seek Your Face,  
Your Face, O Lord, do I seek":
- G.** O hide not Your Face from me,  
repel not Your servant in anger:
- E.** You are my help,—do not cast me off,  
do not forsake me, O God my Savior!
- G.** Though father and mother forsake me,  
yet will the Lord accept me.
- E.** Teach me, O Lord, Your way,  
lead me on an even path, because of all my

enemies:

- G.** Deliver me not to the will of my foes,  
for false witnesses, breathing out violence,  
have risen against me:  
**E.** I believe I shall see the good things of the Lord/  
in the land of the living:  
**G.** Wait for the Lord, be strong,  
be valiant of heart and await the Lord!  
**E.** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
**G.** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**Priest** LET US PRAY.  
LET US ALL KNEEL and pray silently.  
Here the priest may suggest intentions or considerations for prayer.

— a period of silent prayer —

**Priest** LET US ALL STAND.  
Here the priest collects the sentiments and petitions into a formal prayer:

**Priest** O Lord Jesus, let the blessed sacrament fire us with a holy fervor; may we experience the sweetness of your loving heart, and learn to prefer the things of heaven to those of earth; who lives and reigns with God the Father.

**All** AMEN.

The ceremony for the Second Evening continues  
with HYMN, SERMON and CREED (pp. 17 & 18).

# THE THIRD DAY *Morning*

At the parish Mass the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration at the Communion time. An appropriate hymn and incensation follow immediately after Mass.

# THE THIRD DAY *Evening*

ENTRANCE HYMN (page 6)

PREPARATORY PRAYER (page 7)

**Priest** Hear the Word of God.

Listen to the story of how God delivered his people from slavery, promised them a new land, and commanded them to celebrate the feast of unleavened bread in thanksgiving.

Exodus 12: 1—28

**SIT**

*The  
Passover  
Ritual  
Prescribed*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall stand at the head of your calendar; you shall reckon it the first month of the year. Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it. The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight. They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two door-

posts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb. That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. It shall not be eaten raw or boiled, but roasted whole, with its head and shanks and inner organs. None of it must be kept beyond the next morning; whatever is left over in the morning shall be burned up.

"This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the Lord. For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every first-born of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt — I, the Lord! But the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you: thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.

"This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the Lord, as a perpetual institution. For seven days you must eat unleavened bread. From the very first day you shall have your houses clear of all leaven. Whoever eats leavened bread from the first day to the seventh shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day you shall hold a sacred assembly, and likewise on the seventh. On these days you shall not do any sort of work, except to prepare the food that everyone needs.

"Keep, then, this custom of the unleavened bread. Since it was on this very day that I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt, you must celebrate this day throughout your generations as a perpetual institution. From the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month until the evening of the twenty-first day of this month you shall eat unleavened bread. For seven days no leaven may be found in your houses. Anyone, be he a resident alien or a native, who eats leavened food shall be cut off from the community of Israel. Nothing leavened may you eat; wherever you dwell you may eat only unleavened bread."



Moses called all the elders of Israel and said *Promulgation* to them, "Go and procure lambs for your families, and slaughter them as Passover victims. *of the* Then take a bunch of hyssop, and dipping it *Passover* in the blood that is in the basin, sprinkle the lintel and the two doorposts with this blood. But none of you shall go outdoors until morning. For the Lord will go by, striking down the Egyptians. Seeing the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over that door and not let the destroyer come into your houses to strike you down.

"You shall observe this as a perpetual ordinance for yourselves and your descendants. Thus, you must also observe this rite when you have entered the land which the Lord will give you as he promised. When your children ask you, "What does this rite of yours mean?" you shall reply, 'This is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt; when he struck down the Egyptians, he spared our houses.'"

Then the people bowed down in worship, and the Israelites went and did as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron.

*Priest* We rejoice that God leads us through the perils of this life to the joys of our heavenly home.

### PSALM 83

## DESIRE FOR GOD'S TEMPLE

*Epistle Side:*

How lovely is Your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!

**STAND**

*Gospel Side:*

My soul is longing and sighing/  
for the courts of the Lord:

**E.** My heart and my flesh cry for joy/  
to the living God:

**G.** Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest to shelter her young,—

- E. Your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God!
- G. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, O  
Lord,  
without ceasing they praise You:
- E. Blessed the man who finds his strength in You,  
when he sets his heart on the sacred journey:
- G. Going through the dry valley, they make it a  
spring,  
the first rain clothes it with blessings:
- E. They go from strength to strength,  
they shall see the God of Gods in Sion.
- G. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
hearken, O God of Jacob!
- E. O God, our shield, behold,  
look on the face of Your Anointed!
- G. Far better one day in Your courts,  
than a thousand elsewhere:
- E. Far better to lie at the threshold of my God's  
house,  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked:
- G. For the Lord God is a sun and a shield,  
the Lord bestows grace and glory:
- E. The Lord denies nothing good/  
to those who walk in innocence.
- G. O Lord of hosts,  
blessed is the man who gives his trust to You!
- Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

**Priest** LET US PRAY.  
LET US ALL KNEEL and pray silently.  
Here the priest may suggest intentions or considerations for prayer.

— a period of silent prayer —

**Priest** LET US ALL STAND.

Here the priest collects the sentiments and petitions into a formal prayer.

**Priest** O Lord, cleanse us from sin through the reception of this sacrament, and lead us toward the kingdom of heaven. Have mercy on your people, and strengthen them in their daily trials and labors. Through Christ, our Lord.

**All** AMEN.

If time and circumstances permit, the CHOIR may sing a hymn or motet at this time.



**Priest** Hear the Word of God.

Listen to the story of how Christ celebrates the paschal meal with his disciples. He promises deliverance from our sins and gives the food that brings us to life everlasting.

**Matthew 26: 1—29**

**SIT**

And it came to pass when Jesus had finished all these words, that he said to his disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover will be here; and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

*The Council* Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered together in the court of the high priest, who was called Caiphas, and they took counsel together how they might seize Jesus by stealth and put him to death. But they said, "Not on the feast, or there might be a riot among the people."



*The  
Anointing  
at Bethany*

Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of precious ointment, and she poured it on his head, as he reclined at table. But when the disciples saw this, they were indignant, and said, "To what purpose is this waste? for this might have been sold for much and given to the poor."

But Jesus, perceiving it, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has done me a good turn. For the poor you have always with you, but you do not always have me. For in pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it for my burial. Amen I say to you, wherever in the whole world this gospel is preached, this also that she has done shall be told in memory of her."

*The Betrayal*

Then one of the Twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests, and said to them, "What are you willing to give me for delivering him to you?" But they assigned him thirty pieces of silver. And from then on he sought out an opportunity to betray him.

*Preparation*

Now on the first day of the Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where dost thou want us to prepare for thee to eat the passover?" But Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Master says, My time is near at hand; at thy house I am keeping the Passover with my disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus bade them, and prepared the passover.

*The Betrayal*

Now when evening arrived, he reclined at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen I say to you, one of you will betray me." And being very much saddened they began each to say, "Is it I, Lord?" But he answered and said, "He who dips his hand into the dish with me, he will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes his way, as it is written of him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It were better for that man if he had not been

born." And Judas who betrayed him answered and said, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "Thou hast said it."

*The Holy Eucharist* And while they were at supper, Jesus took bread, and blessed and broke, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take and eat; this is my body." And taking a cup, he gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "All of you drink of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is being shed for many unto the forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I shall drink it new with you in the kingdom of my Father."

**Priest** As Christ desired eagerly to eat the paschal meal with his disciples, we long to be joined with Christ forever.

#### PSALM 41 AND 42

### HOMESICK FOR GOD'S HOUSE

**STAND**

#### **Epistle Side:**

As the deer longs for the running waters,  
my soul longs, O God, for You!

#### **Gospel Side:**

My soul thirsts for God, the God of my life,  
when may I come and see God's face?

- E.** Tears are my only food, day and night,  
as daily I am taunted: "Where is your God?"
- G.** I recall,—pouring out my soul within me,—  
how I used to walk in the great procession  
leading to the house of God,
- E.** Among the shouts of joy and praise,  
in crowds keeping the feast-day.
- G.** Why are you sad, my soul,  
sighing within me?
- E.** Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him again,  
He Who saves me from shame, my own God.

- G. My soul is oppressed within me,  
     when from the land of the Jordan and Hermon,  
         from Mt. Misar, I remember You,
- E. Deep calls out to deep in the roar of Your  
   cataracts,  
     all Your surges have passed over me, all Your  
   waves.
- G. By day the Lord sends forth His mercy,  
     and by night I sing to Him,  
   I praise the God of my life.
- E. I say to God, "My rock, why do You forget me?  
     why must I go in sadness, oppressed by the  
   enemy?"
- G. My very bones feel the blow as my enemies mock  
   me,  
     as daily I am taunted: "Where is your God?"
- E. Why are you sad, my soul,  
     sighing within me?
- G. Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him again,  
     He Who saves me from shame, my own God!
- E. Give me justice, O God; defend my cause  
   against a faithless people,  
     free me from a deceitful and wicked man:
- G. For You, O Lord, are my strength,  
     why have You cast me off?
- E. Why must I go in sadness,  
     oppressed by the enemy?
- G. Send Your light and Your truth, they will guide  
   me,  
     they will lead me to Your holy mountain and  
   to Your dwelling.
- E. And I shall go into the altar of God,  
     to the God of my gladness and joy:

G. And I shall praise You with my harp,  
O God, my God!

E. Why are you sad, my soul,  
sighing within me?

G. Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him again,  
He Who saves me from shame, my own God.

Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

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LET US ALL KNEEL and pray silently.

Here the priest may suggest intentions or considerations for prayer.

— a period of silent prayer —

Priest LET US ALL STAND.

Here the priest collects the sentiments and petitions into a formal prayer.

Priest We are nourished by the bread of life, O Lord our God. May this most sacred rite of our mortal life bestow upon us your gift of immortality. Through Christ, our Lord.

All AMEN.

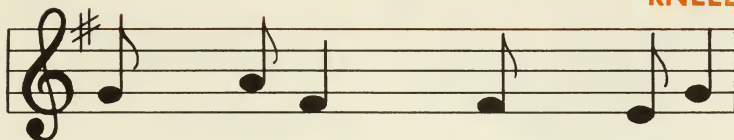
The ceremony for the Third Evening continues with HYMN, SERMON and CREED (pp. 17 & 18).

After the CREED, the Blessed Sacrament is incensed and the Celebrant prepares to carry the monstrance in procession. The LITANY OF THE SAINTS is sung by all DURING the procession.

# THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

The leader does not walk in procession but chants  
the litany from the sanctuary or choir.

**KNEEL**



**Leader:** Lord have MER-cy, / **All:** Christ have MER-cy.

**Leader:** Lord have MER-cy, . . . . . Christ HEAR us.

**All:** Christ HEAR us, . . . . . we BEG you.

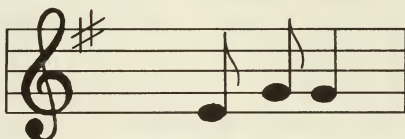
**Leader:**

God, the Father of HEA-ven, / **All:** have MER-cy.

God the Son, redeemer of the WORLD,

God, the Holy SPI-rit,

Holy Trinity, one GOD,



Holy MA-ry, . . . . . **All:** pray for us.

Holy Mother of GOD,

Holy Virgin of VIR-gins,

St. MI-chael,

St. GAB-riel,

St. RA-phael,

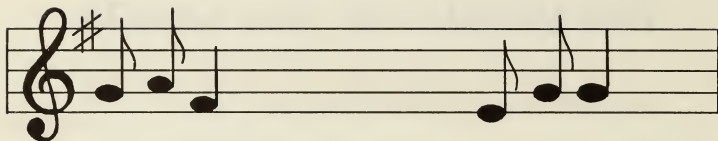
All you holy angels and ARCH-angels,

All you holy orders of blessed SPI-rits,

St. John the BAP-tist,

St. JO-seph,

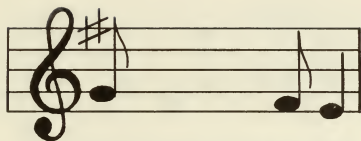
All you holy patriarchs and PRO-phets,



St. PE-ter,  
St. PAUL,  
St. AN-drew,  
St. JAMES,  
St. JOHN,  
St. THO-mas,  
St. JAMES,  
St. PHI-lip,  
St. Bar-THOL-omew,  
St. MAT-thew,  
St. SI-mon,  
St. Thad-DE-us,  
St. Ma-THI-as,  
St. BAR-nabas,  
St. LUKE,  
St. MARK,  
All you holy apostles  
    and e-VAN-gelists,  
All you holy disciples of  
    the LORD,  
All you holy IN-nocents,  
St. STE-phen,  
St. LAW-rence,  
St. VIN-cent,  
Sts. Fabian and  
    Se-BAS-tian,  
Sts. John and PAUL,  
Sts. Cosmas and DA-mian,  
Sts. Gervase and PRO-tase,  
All you holy MAR-tyrs,

**All:** pray for us  
  
St. Syl-VES-ter,  
St. GREG-ory,  
St. AMB-rose,  
St. Au-GUS-tine,  
St. Je-ROME,  
St. MAR-tin,  
St. NICH-olas,  
All you holy bishops and  
    con-FES-sors,  
All you holy DOC-tors,  
St. AN-thony,  
St. BEN-edict,  
St. BER-nard,  
St. DO-minic,  
St. FRAN-cis,  
All you holy priests and  
    LE-vites,  
All you holy monks and  
    HER-mits,  
St. Mary MAG-dalen,  
St. A-gatha,  
St. LU-cy,  
St. AG-nes,  
St. Ce-CI-lia,  
St. CATH-erine,  
St. Ana-STA-sia,  
All you holy virgins and  
    WI-dows.





All you holy saints OF God, **All:** IN - - - - TER-CEDE FOR US.  
Be mer - - - - - CI-ful, SPARE US, O LORD.  
Be mer - - - - - CI-ful, HEAR US, WE BEG YOU.  
From all E-vil, DELIVER US, O LORD.

From all sin-FUL-ness,  
From your AN-ger,

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- \* From dangers that THREAT-en,  
From the scourge of EARTH-quakes,  
From pestilence and famine and WAR-fare,

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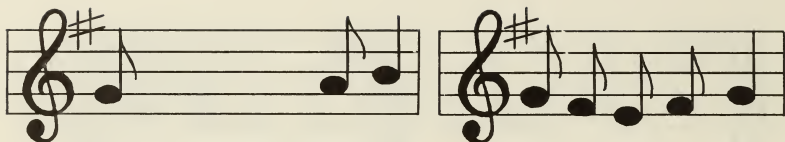
From death that is sudden and un-TIME-ly,  
From the snares of SA-tan,  
From anger and hatred and all MAL-ice,  
From the allurements of impu-RI-ty,  
From lightning and TEM-pest,

- \* \* **From the scourge of EARTH-quakes,**  
**From pestilence and famine and WAR-fare,**  
From death ever-LAS-ting,

Through the mystery of your holy incar-NA-tion,  
Through your COM-ing,  
Through your nati-VI-ty,  
Through your baptism and holy FAS-ting,  
Through your cross and PAS-sion,  
Through your death and bu-RI-al,  
Through your holy resu-REC-tion,  
Through your wonderful as-CEN-sion,  
Through the coming of the Holy Spirit, our com-FOR-ter,  
In the day of JUD-gment,

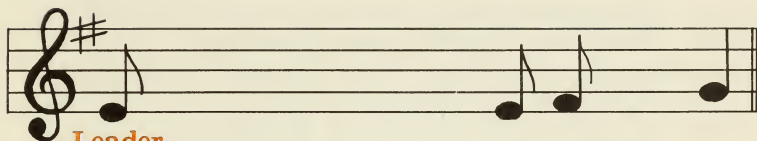
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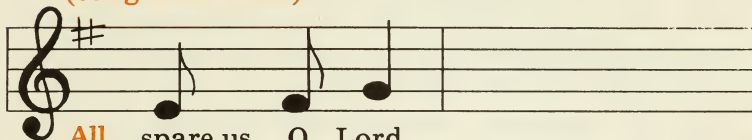
We, your sinful PEO-ple, **All:** hear us, we beg you.  
That you would SPARE us,  
That you would grant us PAR-don,  
That you would bring us to true re-PEN-tance,  
That you would rule your church and keep it safe for-  
E-ver,  
That you would sustain in their holy zeal / all those in  
the ranks of the church,/ and especially our holy  
FA-ther,  
That you would subdue the enemies of ho-LY church,  
That you would give peace and harmony to Christian  
kings and RU-lers,  
That you would grant peace and unity to all your  
PEO-ple,  
That you would call back to the church's unity all those  
who stray/ and would lead back to the light of the  
gospel/ all unbe-LIE-vers,  
That you would make us strong in your holy service/  
and grant us perse-VER-ance,  
That you would lift our hearts to heavenly am-BI-tions,  
That you would reward with everlasting blessings/ all  
who have HELPED us,  
That you would deliver our souls/ and the souls of all  
our brethren relatives and benefactors/ from eternal  
dam-NA-tion,  
That you would not fail to secure for us a plentiful  
HAR-vest,  
That you would grant eternal rest to all the faithful  
de-PAR-ted,  
That you would kindly hear our PLEAD-ing,  
Son OF God,



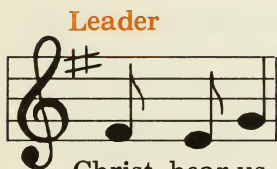


**Leader**

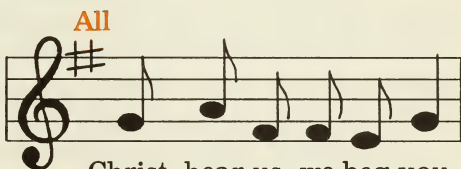
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.  
(sung three times)



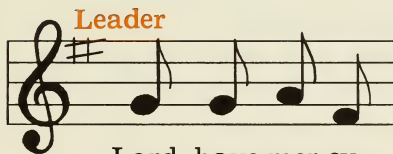
**All** spare us, O Lord.  
hear us, we beg you.  
have mer-cy.



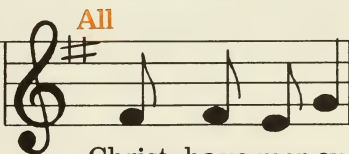
**Leader** Christ, hear us.



**All** Christ, hear us, we beg you.



**Leader** Lord, have mer-cy.



**All** Christ, have mer-cy.



**Leader** Lord, have mer-cy.

When the singing of the litany has been completed,  
and the monstrance has been returned to the altar,  
the following prayers are recited.

**Priest** Save your servants, who hope in you, O my God.  
**People** Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength.

**Priest** Let not the enemy prevail against us, nor the son of iniquity have power to harm us.

**People** O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins; do not punish us as our wickedness deserves.

**Priest** Let us pray for our Holy Father,  
**People** The Lord preserve him; may he be vigorous and successful in this life, and may he never be delivered into the hands of the enemy.

**Priest** Let us pray for our Most Reverend Bishop.  
**People** May he be ever more secure in your strength, O Lord, and in the majesty of your holy name.

**Priest** Let us pray for our benefactors.  
**People** O Lord, as God and rewarder, repay with eternal life all those who have helped us.

**Priest** Let us pray for the faithful departed.  
**People** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Priest** Let us pray for our absent brethren.  
**People** Save your servants who hope in you, O my God. Send them help, O Lord, from your holy place.

**Here the priest may, if he wishes, announce the special needs of the parish and parishioners.**

**Priest** -----  
**People** Lord, be mindful of our needs.

**Priest** The Lord be with you.  
**People** And with your spirit.

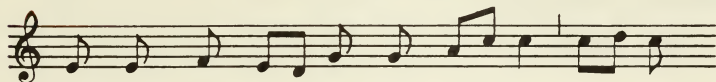
**Priest** Let us pray.

O God, you destroy wars, and by your power you overthrow the aggressors of those who hope in you. Help your servants who appeal to you, so that we may overcome our belligerent enemies, and never cease to praise and thank you.

O God, you correct injustices and gather together the dispersed to protect them. Mercifully fill your Christian people with the spirit of your unity, that they may overlook their differences and serve you worthily in union with the true shepherd of your Church. Through Christ, our Lord.

**People** AMEN.

# TANTUM ERGO



1. Tan-tum er - go Sa - cra - men-tum Ve - ne -

2. Ge-ni - to - ri Ge - ni - to - que Laus et

1. Bow - ing low, then, of - fer hom-age To a

2. Praise and glo - ri - fy the Fa - ther, Bless His

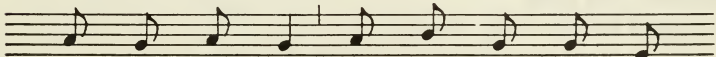


1. re - mur cer - nu - i, — Et an - ti - quum

2. ju - bi - la - ti - o, — Sa - lus, ho - nor,

1. Sac - ra - ment so great! Here is new and

2. Son's life - giv - ing Name, Sing - ing Their e -

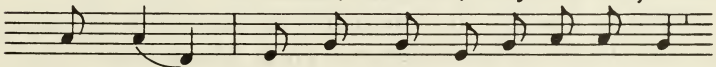


1. do - cu - men - tum No - vo ce - dat ri -

2. vir - tus quo - que Sit et be - ne - di -

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2. ter - nal God - head, Pow - er, maj - es - ty

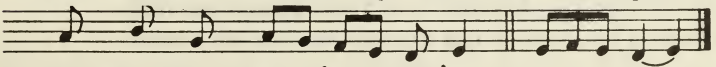


1. tu - i; Prae - stet fi - des sup - ple - men - tum,

2. cti - o: Pro - ce - den - ti ab u - tro - que

1. mi - nate. Sen - ses can - not grasp this mar - vel:

2. and fame, Of - fer - ing Their Ho - ly Spir - it



1. Sen - su - um de - fe - ctu - i.

2. Com - par sit lau - da - ti - o. A - men.

1. Faith must serve to com - pen - sate.

2. E - qual wor - ship and ac - claim. A - men.

**Priest** Panem de caelo praestitisti eis. (Alleluia).

**People** Omne delectamentum in se habentem. (Alleluia).

**Priest** OREMUS.

Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quaesumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari: ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.

**People** AMEN.

Let us pray. O God, who in this wonderful sacrament has left us a memorial of your passion; grant us, we pray, so to venerate the mysteries of your body and blood, that we may ever feel within us the fruit of your redemption. Who lives and rules, world without end. Amen.

## DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

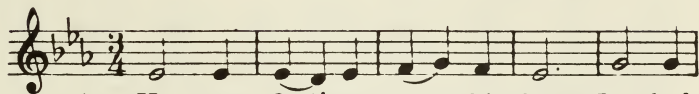
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

# HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME

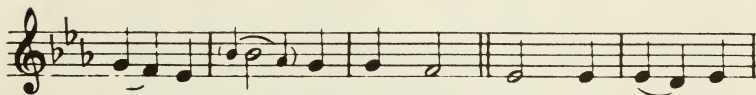
(*Sancte Deus, Laudamus Te*)

Tr. Rev. C. Waiworth  
1820-1900

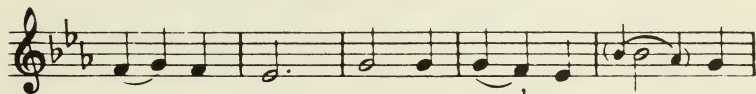
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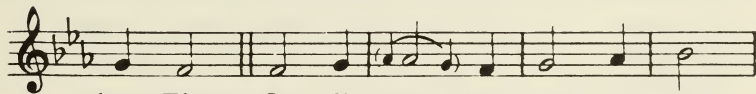
1. Ho - ly God! we praise Thy Name, Lord of  
2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn, An - gel



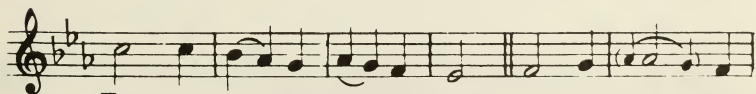
all we bow be - fore Thee; All on earth Thy  
choirs a - bove are rais - ing; Che - ru - bim and



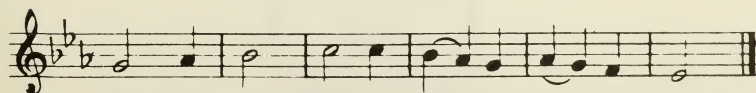
rule ac - claim, All in heav'n a - bove a -  
Ser - a - phim In un - ceas - ing cho - rus



dore Thee; In - fi - nite Thy vast do - main,  
prais - ing; Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord:

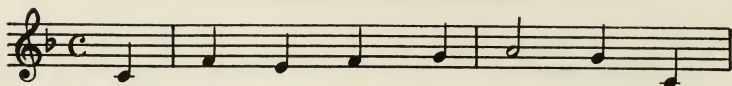


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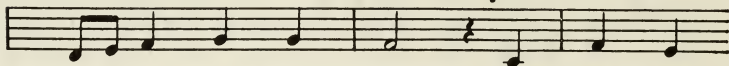


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sweet ac - cord Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord.

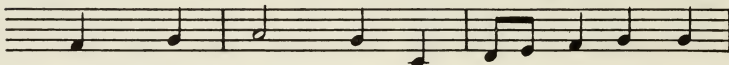
## O GOD ALMIGHTY FATHER



1. O God, Al-migh - ty Fa - ther, Cre -
2. O Je - sus, Word In - car - nate, Re -
3. O God, the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Who

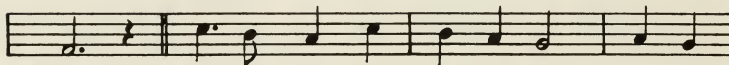


1. a - tor of all things, The heav - ens
2. deem - er most a - dored, All glo - ry,
3. lives with - in our soul, Send forth Thy

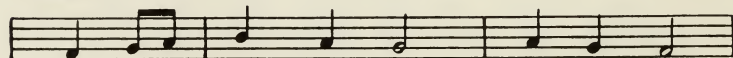


1. stand in won - der, While earth Thy glo - ry
2. praise and hon - or Be Thine, our Sov - reign
3. light and lead us To our e - ter - nal

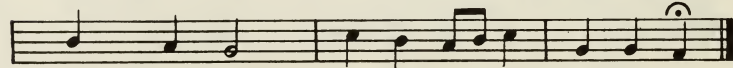
### Chorus



1. sings. O most ho - ly Tri - ni - ty, Un - di -
2. Lord.
3. goal.



vid - ed U - ni - ty; Ho - ly God,



migh - ty God, God im - mor - tal, be a - dored!





## PROCEDURE FOR PARISH HOLY HOUR

The formula for a parish HOLY HOUR can be essentially the same as that for the FIRST or SECOND EVENING of the FORTY HOURS. One of the Scriptural themes could be selected from the APPENDIX. The order would be as follows:

- (1) Introductory hymn
- (2) Invitation to prayer—psalm 94, p. 7
- (3) Reading from the Old Testament
- (4) Congregational recitation of a psalm
- (5) Period of silent prayer and oration
- (6) Reading from the New Testament
- (7) Congregational recitation of a psalm
- (8) Period of silent prayer and oration
- (9) Hymn—p. 17
- (10) Homily on the readings
- (11) Creed
- (12) Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament—preceded by a period of silent prayer
- (13) Concluding hymn—p. 43 or p. 44



## APPENDIX PART I

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### OPTIONAL SCRIPTURE READINGS, PSALMS AND ORATIONS to be used for FORTY HOURS DEVOTION OR FOR THE PARISH HOLY HOUR

#### I. THE PROMISE OF REDEMPTION

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen to how God began the work of redemption with the fulfillment of his promise to Abraham.

(Genesis 17:1 to 18:19)

PSALM: Number 98 - "The Lord, the Holy King" (p. 57)

ORATION: **PRIEST** Let us pray: O God, creator and ruler of your people, free your own from the temptations assailing them, so that they may please you and be protected by you. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** AMEN.

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen as Saint Paul explains how we have received the fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham so that we are sons and heirs of God.

(Galatians 3:1 to 4:7 or Hebrews 5:11 to 6:20)

PSALM: Number 95 - "Praise to the Lord our King" (p. 56)

ORATION: **PRIEST** O God, eternally faithful to your promises, save us from rebellion and sin, and bring us to a share of eternal light and peace with Abraham and all your saints. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** AMEN.

#### II. FAITH

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen to the story of the greatness of Abraham's faith and how he deserves to be called our father in the

faith.

(Genesis 22:1 - 18)

PSALM: Number 46 - "Song of Praise to God our Ruler"  
(p. 53)

ORATION: **PRIEST** Let us pray: O God, you are the protector of all who trust in you, and without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Be even more merciful towards us, and rule and guide us that we may use the things of this life in such a way as not to lose the blessings of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** AMEN.

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen as Saint Paul urges us to greater faith through the glorious examples of the past.  
(Romans 4:1 to 5:11)

PSALM: Number 47 - "The Glory of God's City" (p. 54)

ORATION: **PRIEST** Let us pray: O God, who brought us to faith in holy baptism, make our faith to grow and deepen, so that we may build our lives on that same strong rock of trust in you. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** AMEN.

### III. COVENANT

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen to the story of the sacrifice that sealed the covenant between God and his chosen people.  
(Exodus 23:20 to 24:18)

PSALM: Number 98 - "The Lord, the Holy King" (p. 57)

ORATION: **PRIEST** Let us pray: O God, you extol the humble and strengthen the righteous; you were also pleased through your holy servant Moses to instruct your people in chanting your sacred song, so that the constant recitation of the law might be their guide. Manifest your power to all

your chosen peoples; remove their fear and give them joy; pardon all their sins and turn the just punishments they deserve into salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** AMEN.

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen to the unfolding of the new and perfect sacrifice that establishes us in the new and perfect covenant with God.

(Hebrews 8:1 to 9:28)

PSALM: Number 26 - "Fearless Faith in God" (p. 23)

ORATION: **PRIEST** O God, teach us to celebrate the mystery of the Eucharist with greater wisdom and devotion, as a memorial of God's work among us and as the bond which brings us to the fullness of grace and glory. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** AMEN.

#### IV. REBIRTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen to Ezechiel prophesy the rebirth of the people of God, to a new life breathed into them by God's Spirit.

(Ezechiel 36:16 to 37:14)

PSALM: Number 91 - "Praise of the Divine Artist, Creator and Governor" (p. 55)

ORATION: **PRIEST** Let us pray: O God, you wonderously created man and even more wondrously redeemed him. Grant that we may courageously resist the enticements of sin so that we may deserve to attain everlasting joy. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** AMEN.

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen to Christ tell us of the life and love and joy that is

ours, in spite of persecution and hatred, because we belong to God.

(John 15:17 to 16:28)

PSALM: Number 102 - "Praise of God's Mercy" (p. 58)

ORATION: **PRIEST** Let us pray: O God, may your love for us be returned in our love for you, and bring everlasting peace and joy to our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** AMEN.

## V. SACRIFICE

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen to Isaias prophesy the sufferings that the obedient Christ would undergo for us.

(Isaias 52:13 to 54:18)

PSALM: Number 87 - "Lament and Prayer in Great Affliction" (p.67)

ORATION: **PRIEST** Let us pray: O Lord, fill our hearts with grace so that we may avoid sin through our voluntary penance. May we suffer here in this life rather than be condemned to punishment in eternity. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** AMEN.

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen to the recounting of the terrible agony of Christ as he undergoes death for the sins of mankind.

(Matthew 27:26 to 27:54)

PSALM: Number 29 - "Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death" (p. 52)

ORATION: **PRIEST** Let us pray: Grant we pray thee, Almighty God, that we who are continually afflicted by our own transgressions may be delivered by the suffering of your only-begotten Son. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** AMEN.



## VI. THE MYSTICAL BODY (CHARITY)

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen to the prophesy of Isaias as he tells of the glory of the coming of the Savior and his people.  
(Isaias 61:1 to 62:8 or Isaias 9:1-7 or Isaias 11:1-9)

PSALM: Number 46 - "Song of Praise to God our Ruler" (p. 53)

ORATION: **PRIEST** Let us pray: Fill our hearts with the spirit of your love, O Lord, May we who have been nourished with the one bread of Heaven also be of one mind. Through Christ our Lord.  
**ALL** AMEN.

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen to the description of God's people as the Mystical Body of Christ and of the love that should belong to it.  
(1 Corinthians 12:4 to 13:13)

PSALM: Number 47 - "The Glory of God's City" (p. 54)

ORATION: **PRIEST** Let us pray: Please, God, let the charity and love of Christ build us up and bind us together, and be the mark of all those who have been called by Christ to be Christian. Through Christ our Lord.  
**ALL** AMEN.

## VII. THE PRESENCE OF GOD

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen to the description of the greatness of the awesome presence of God midst his people.  
(Exodus 33:1 to 34:9)

PSALM: Number 102 - "Praise of God's Mercy" (p. 58)

ORATION: **PRIEST** Let us pray: O God, make us aware of your spirit within us, that by being faithful to your laws and inspiration, the Glory of God may shine forth from us as a light for all to see.



Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** AMEN.

READING: **PRIEST** Hear the Word of God! Listen to Saint Paul as he explains how that same presence of God has come into our very being.

(II Corinthians 3:4 to 4:11)

PSALM: Number 91 - "Praise to the Divine Artist, Creator and Governor" (p. 55)

ORATION: **PRIEST** Let us pray: Almighty God, now that we have been newly enlightened by the Word made flesh, grant that our deeds may reveal the light of faith that shines in our heart. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** AMEN.



## APPENDIX PART II

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Alternate PSALMS to be used with the additional READINGS or to be used for congregational recitation during PARISH HOLY HOUR.

### PSALM 29

#### THANKSGIVING FOR DELIVERANCE FROM DEATH

##### Epistle Side:

I praise You, O Lord, for You have raised me  
up,  
giving my foes no cause for joy.

##### Gospel Side:

O Lord, my God,  
I cried out to You and You healed me,  
Lord, You led out my soul out of sheol,  
You rescued me from the company of those  
who go down to the grave.  
Sing praise to the Lord, you His faithful,  
give thanks to His holy name.  
For His wrath endures but an instant,  
His favor throughout a whole lifetime:  
Weeping comes in at nightfall,  
and rejoicing with the dawn.  
In assurance once I said,  
"Never shall I be troubled!"  
In Your goodness, Lord, You had given me  
honor and strength,  
when You hid Your face I was frightened.  
To You, O Lord, I cry out,  
I implore the mercy of my God:  
"What gain to You in my life-blood,  
in my going down to the grave?"

Can the dust give You praise/  
or proclaim Your faithfulness?  
Hear me Lord, and have pity on me,  
O Lord, be my aid”:

You turned my lament to a dance of joy,  
took off my sackcloth, clothed me with gladness:  
So that my heart sings to You and is never silent,  
I praise You forever, O Lord my God.

Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

#### PSALM 46

#### SONG OF PRAISE TO GOD OUR RULER

##### Epistle Side:

Clap your hands, all you peoples,  
acclaim our God with shouts of joy:

##### Gospel Side:

For the Lord is the Most High, to be revered,  
the great king over all the earth!  
He makes subject to us the peoples,  
He puts the nations under our feet:  
He chose for us our heritage,  
the glory of Jacob, whom He loves.

God goes up to his throne amid shouts of joy,  
the Lord, with the sound of the trumpet:  
Sing to our God, sing praise,  
sing to our King, sing praise!  
For God is king over all the earth,—  
sing songs of praise!—  
God rules over the peoples,  
God sits on His holy throne.  
The princes of the peoples come together/  
with the people of the God of Abraham:  
For all the great ones of the earth belong to God,

He is high above all.  
Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

PSALM 47

THE GLORY OF GOD'S CITY

**Epistle Side:**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised/  
in the city of our God:

**Gospel Side:**

His holy mountain, rising fair,/   
is the joy of the whole world:  
Mount Sion in the far north/  
is the city of the great king:  
God, in the midst of her palaces,/   
has shown Himself a safe stronghold.

See them gather, the kings of the earth,/   
they come on all in a body:  
They stare, they are stunned,/   
filled with terror, they flee away:  
Trembling takes hold of them,/   
like the anguish of a woman in travail,  
As when a wind from the East/  
breaks up Tharsis' ships.

As we had heard, so now we see/  
in the city of the Lord of hosts,  
In the city of our God:/   
God has founded it for ever.  
We remember, O Lord, Your mercy/  
in the midst of Your temple:  
As Your name, Lord, so also Your praise/  
is known to the ends of the earth:  
Your right hand is filled with justice,—/

let mount Sion be joyful,  
Let the cities of Juda be glad,/   
because of Your judgments!  
Walk about Sion, go all round it,/   
number her towers,  
Study her ramparts,/   
go over her citadels:  
That you may tell your children/  
"So great is our God:  
Our God for always and forever,/   
He will lead us."  
Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

#### PSALM 91

### PRAISE OF THE DIVINE ARTIST, CREATOR AND GOVERNOR OF MANKIND

#### Epistle Side:

It is good to give praise to the Lord,/   
to sing praise to Your name, O Most High!

#### Gospel Side:

To proclaim Your mercy each morning,/   
Your faithfulness through the night,  
On the ten strings of the harp,/   
with the concord of the lyre!  
For You gladden me, O Lord, with Your deeds,/   
I cry out for joy at Your handiwork:  
How great, O Lord, are Your deeds,/   
how deep Your thoughts!  
The senseless man does not know,/   
the fool perceives not these things:  
Though the wicked flourish like grass,/   
though all evil-doers prosper,  
They are doomed to perish forever,/

while You, Lord, are enthroned on high:  
For behold Your enemies, O Lord, for behold  
Your enemies perish,  
scattered all those who do evil.  
You have raised me high like the wild bull's  
horn,  
You have perfumed me with sweet oil:  
My eyes look down on my enemies,  
my ears are glad, hearing  
of my evil enemies' downfall.  
The good man flourishes like a palm-tree,  
he grows tall like a cedar of Lebanon:  
Planted in the house of the Lord,  
they flourish in the courts of our God:  
In old age they shall still be fruitful,  
green-growing, full of vigor,  
They proclaim that the Lord is true,  
in Him, my rock, there is no injustice.  
Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

#### PSALM 95

#### PRAISE TO THE LORD, OUR KING

##### Epistle Side:

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
sing to the Lord, all you lands:

##### Gospel Side:

Sing to the Lord, bless His name,  
announce His salvation day after day:  
Among the heathen tell His glory,  
His marvels to every people.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,  
to be feared more than all the gods:  
The gods of the heathen are nothings,



but the Lord—He made the heavens:  
Glory and majesty stand before Him,/

strength and splendor are in His sanctuary.

Declare to the Lord, you families of nations,/

declare to the Lord His glory and strength:  
declare to the Lord the glory of His name:  
Offer sacrifice and come into His courts:/

worship the Lord in holy attire,  
Tremble before Him, all the earth!/  
say among the nations: The Lord is King:  
He has set the earth firm, not to be moved,/

He rules the peoples with justice.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice,/

the sea thunder with all its waves:  
Let the fields be glad, and all their creatures,/

all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
Before the Lord, for He comes,/

for He comes to rule the earth:  
He will judge the world with justice,/

and the peoples with His truth.

Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

#### PSALM 98

#### THE LORD, THE HOLY KING

##### Epistle Side:

The Lord is King,/

let the peoples tremble:

##### Gospel Side:

He is enthroned on the cherubim,/

let the earth be shaken:  
How great is the Lord in Sion,/

and high over all the peoples!  
Let them praise Your name, great and dread,/

holy is that Name.

This mighty King loves justice,  
You have established the right,  
given justice and true judgment to Jacob:  
Praise the Lord our God,  
fall down before His footstool, for it is holy.

Moses and Aaron are among His priests,  
Samuel among those who invoke His name:  
They cried to the Lord and He answered:/  
He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud:  
They heard His commands,  
and the law that He gave them:  
O Lord our God, You answered them,  
You were a God indeed Who forgives,  
but a God to avenge their misdeeds.  
Extol the Lord our God,  
fall down before His holy mountain,  
For He is holy,  
the Lord our God!

Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

#### PSALM 102

#### PRAISE OF GOD'S MERCY

##### Epistle Side:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
may all that I am bless His Holy name!

##### Gospel Side:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
forget none of His blessings!  
He forgives all your faults,  
heals all your diseases,  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
He crowns you with kindness and mercy:

He fills your life with good things,  
renewing your youth like the eagle's.

The Lord renders justice,/

He gives judgment for all the oppressed:

He made known His ways to Moses,/

His great deeds to the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and forgiving,/

slow to anger, rich in kindness:

Not always will He war with us,/

not be angry with us forever:

He does not deal with us according to our sins,/

nor repay us according to our faults.

For as high as heaven is above the earth,/

so great is His goodness to those who fear Him:

As far as the east is from the west,/

so far from us does He put our sins.

As a father pities his children,/

so the Lord pities those who fear Him:

For He knows of what we are made,/

He remembers that we are dust:

Man's days are like those of grass,/

he grows like the flower in the field:

When the wind sweeps by, he is gone,/

and his place knows him no more.

But the mercy of the Lord toward those

who fear Him endures forever,/

and His justice extends to their children's

children,

For those who keep His covenant,/

who remember His commands and keep them.

The Lord has established His throne in the

heavens,/

His kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, all you His angels,/

mighty warriors, carrying out His commands,  
obedient to His word:  
Bless the Lord, all His armies,/

His servants who do His will:  
Bless the Lord, all His works,/

throughout all His dominions:/

O my soul, bless the Lord!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,/

and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever

shall be,/

world without end. Amen.

PSALMS 114 AND 115

THANKSGIVING FOR DELIVERANCE  
FROM DEATH

ALLELUIA!

Epistle Side:

The Lord is He Whom I love,/

for He heard the sound of my pleading:

Gospel Side:

He turned His ear to me/  
on the day when I called Him:

The bonds of death imprisoned me,/

the snares of hell surrounded me,

I fell into anguish and sorrow:

I called on the name of the Lord,/

"O Lord, free my soul!"

Gracious is the Lord, and just,/

merciful is our God:

The Lord watches over the guileless:—/

I was weak and He saved me:

Return, O my soul, to your peace,/

for the Lord has been good to you:  
Yes, He has delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling:  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

I trusted on, even while I said,  
"Great is my distress!",  
I cried out in my fear,  
"How vain to hope in man!"  
How make return to the Lord/  
for all He has given to me?  
I will take the cup of salvation,  
and invoke the name of the Lord:  
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord/  
in the presence of all His people.

Great price in the eyes of the Lord,  
has the death of His faithful:  
I am Your servant, the son of Your handmaid,  
You have loosed my bonds:  
I will offer the sacrifice of praise,  
and call on the name of the Lord,  
In the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem!  
Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

#### PSALM 140

#### EVENING PRAYER

##### Epistle Side:

I cry to You, Lord, make haste to help me,  
hear my voice, when I cry:

##### Gospel Side:

Let my prayer come before You like incense,  
the lifting up of my hands like an evening

sacrifice!

Set a guard, O Lord, at my mouth,/   
 a watch at the door of my lips:   
 Keep my heart from inclining to evil,/   
 from entering into wicked deeds:   
 Let me not be found in the company of evildoers,/   
 let me not taste their delights.   
 May the just man strike me: this is kindness,/   
 reprove me: it is oil for my head,   
 My head will not refuse it,/   
 and I will still pray under these evils.   
 Their great men were cast down near the rocks,/   
 and they heard how pleasant were my words,   
 As when the ground is ploughed and furrowed,/   
 their bones are strewn at the mouth of sheol!

To You, Lord, I turn my eyes,/   
 I fly to You, destroy not my soul:   
 Keep me from the trap they have set for me,/   
 from the snares of those who do evil:   
 May the godless fall into their own nets,/   
 while I escape, safe and free!   
 Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

PSALM 144

GOD'S GREATNESS AND GOODNESS

**Epistle Side:**

I will praise You, my God, my king,/   
 bless Your name for ever and ever:

**Gospel Side:**

I will bless You every day,/   
 praise Your name for ever and ever.

The Lord is great and greatly to be praised,/



unfathomable His greatness:  
 Generation after generation proclaim Your  
 works,  
 and makes known Your power,  
 They tell the brightness of Your splendor,  
 recount Your wonders:  
 Speak of Your tremendous deeds and their  
 power,  
 they tell of Your greatness.  
 They proclaim the praise of Your great good-  
 ness,  
 and rejoice in Your justice.  
 The Lord is kind and merciful,  
 slow to anger, rich in mercy:  
 The Lord is good to all things,  
 He has pity on all He has made.  
 May all Your works praise You, O Lord,  
 may all Your faithful bless You!  
 May they tell the glory of Your kingdom,  
 and speak of Your power,  
 To make known Your might to the sons of men,  
 and the majesty of Your glorious kingdom:  
 Your kingdom is a kingdom of all ages,  
 Your rule extends through all generations.  
 Faithful the Lord in all His deeds,  
 and holy in all His works:  
 The Lord sustains all who are falling,  
 He raises those bent low:  
 On You rest the eyes of all creatures,  
 You give them their food in due season:  
 You open Your hand,  
 and fill every creature with Your kindness.  
 The Lord is just in all His ways,  
 holy in all His works:

The Lord is near to all who call on Him,  
to all who call on Him in truth:  
He does the will of those who fear Him,  
He hears their cry and He saves them:  
The Lord guards all those who love Him,  
but all the wicked He destroys.

Let my mouth sing the praise of the Lord,  
let all flesh for ever bless His holy name!

Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

**PSALM 145**

**PRAISE OF GOD THE CREATOR,  
HELP OF THE WEAK, ETERNAL KING**

**ALLELUIA!**

**Epistle Side:**

Praise the Lord,  
O my soul!

**Gospel Side:**

I will praise the Lord all my life,  
I will sing to my God while I live.

Put no trust in princes,  
in mere man who cannot save:  
When his spirit departs, he goes back to his  
earth,  
then all his plans die with him.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,  
In Him Who made heaven and earth/  
and sea, and all their creatures.  
He keeps faith forever,  
He gives justice to the oppressed:  
He gives food to the hungry,

the Lord frees the captives:  
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind,/

He raises up those who are bent low:  
The Lord loves the just,/

the Lord watches over strangers:  
He protects the orphan and the widow:/

but He thwarts the way of the wicked.  
The Lord reigns for ever,/

your God, O Sion, from generation to generation,  
Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

PSALM 148

PRAISE THE LORD!

ALLELUIA!

**Epistle Side:**

Praise to the Lord from the heavens!/  
praise Him in the heights:

**Gospel Side:**

Praise Him, all you His angels,/

praise Him, all you His hosts:  
Praise Him, sun and moon,/

praise Him, all you bright stars:  
Praise Him, you heavens of heavens/  
and you waters above the heavens:

Let them praise the name of the Lord,/

for He spoke and they were created:  
He founded them for ever and ever,/

He gave them a command that will not pass  
away.

Praise to the Lord from the earth!/  
whales and all the depths of the sea,

Fire and hail, snow and mist,/
storm wind that does His word:
Mountains and every hill,/
fruit trees and all cedars:
All you beasts, wild and tame,/
creeping things and winged birds:
Kings of the earth and all peoples,/
leaders and all earth's judges:
Young men and maidens,/
old men together with children,—
Let them praise the name of the Lord,/
for His name alone is great:
His majesty is above earth and heaven,/
He has raised high the power of His people:
This is the praise of all His faithful,/
of the sons of Israel,/
the people so near Him. Alleluia!
Glory be to the Father, etc. . .

PSALM 149

PRAISE THE LORD WITH VOICE
AND SWORD

ALLELUIA!

Epistle Side:

Sing to the Lord a new song,/
let His praise resound in the assembly of the
faithful:

Gospel Side:

Let Israel take joy in her Maker,/
The sons of Sion exult in their king:
Let them praise His name with dancing,/
sing to Him with timbrel and harp:
For the Lord loves His people,/

He adorns the lowly with triumph.  
Let the faithful rejoice in glory,/   
on their beds let them sing for joy:  
God's praise be on their lips/  
and a two-edged sword in their hands,  
To inflict vengeance on the nations,/   
punishment on the peoples,  
To bind their kings with fetters,/   
their nobles with iron chains,  
To carry out the appointed judgment,—/   
this the glory of all His faithful. Alleluia!  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,/   
and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be,  
world without end. Amen.

PSALM 87

LAMENT AND PRAYER  
IN GREAT AFFLICTION

Epistle Side:

O Lord, my God, by day I cry out,/   
by night I lament before You:

Gospel Side:

Let my prayer come into Your presence,/   
give heed to my crying!  
Drenched is my soul with evils,/   
my life draws near to sheol:  
Counted amongst those who go down to the pit,/   
I am like a man with no strength:  
I have my bed among the dead men,/   
like the slain who lie in the grave,  
Those whom You remember no more,/

who are cut off from Your care:  
You have set me down in a deep pit,/   
in the darkness, in the abyss:  
Your wrath weighs heavy on me,/   
all Your waves overwhelm me:  
You have taken away My friends,/   
made me a thing of horror:  
I am shut in,/   
I cannot escape.

My eyes are worn with sorrow,/   
I call on You, Lord, all the day,   
I stretch out my hands to You:  
Do You work marvels for the dead,/   
can the shades arise and praise You?  
Is Your mercy proclaimed in the tomb,/   
Your faithfulness in the world below?  
Are Your wonders made known in the darkness,/   
Your justice in the land of oblivion?

But to You, O Lord, do I cry,/   
in the morning my prayer goes to meet You:  
Why, Lord, do You repel my soul,/   
why hide Your Face from me?  
Poor, near to death from my childhood,/   
I have borne Your terrors, I am dazed with   
them:

Your anger has swept over me/   
and Your terrors have overwhelmed me:  
They have surrounded me like water, all the day,/   
closing in all around me:  
You have taken away from me friends and   
neighbors,/   
the dark is my only comrade.

Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .



## APPENDIX PART III

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Additional orations or prayers to be used in connection  
with FORTY HOURS or with PARISH HOLY HOUR.

### FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

LET US PRAY: O God, you desire that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of Your truth. Send laborers into your harvest and grant that they may spread the word with all boldness so that Your Gospel may everywhere be heard and glorified, and all nations may know You, the one true God, and Him whom You have sent, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord: who lives and rules with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

AMEN.

### IN DEFENSE OF THE CHURCH

LET US PRAY: Almighty and eternal God, Your hand controls the power and government of every nation. Help your Christians and by the might of Your right hand destroy the nonbelieving peoples who rely on their own cruel strength. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

### FOR UNITY OF THE CHURCH

LET US PRAY: O God, You correct injustices and gather together the dispersed to protect them. Mercifully fill Your Christian people with the spirit of Your unity, that they may overlook their differences and serve You worthily in union with the true Shepherd of Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

### FOR PEACE

LET US PRAY: O God, source of all holy desires, right counsels, and just works, grant Your servants that peace which the world can not give, so that we may be obedient to

Your commands and under Your protection enjoy peace in our days and freedom from fear of our enemies. Through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.

### FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS

LET US PRAY: O Lord, hear the prayers of those who call upon You. Pardon the sins we confess before You and grant us merciful forgiveness and peace. Through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.

### FOR THE SICK

LET US PRAY: Almighty and everlasting God, eternal salvation of the faithful, hear our prayers. We implore Your merciful help for Your ailing servants. Restore them to health that they may join Your Church in returning thanks to You. Through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.

### FOR THE GRACE OF A HAPPY DEATH

LET US PRAY: Almighty and merciful God, who has bestowed the gifts of salvation and everlasting life upon mankind, look graciously upon Your servants. Comfort the souls that You have created, free them from the stain of sin at the hour of death, so that they may be brought by Your angels before You, their maker. Through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.

### FOR THE POPE

LET US PRAY: O God, Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, look with favor on Your servant N., whom You have appointed pastor of Your Church. Grant that by word and example he may assist those over whom he is placed, so that the shepherd and flock may together attain everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.

## **FOR THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS**

LET US PRAY: Almighty and eternal God, all power of governing and the rights of people are in Your hands. Look kindly upon those who rule us, so that the freedom of religion and the security of our country may always endure under Your protection. Through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.

## **FOR PRELATES, CLERGY AND THEIR PEOPLE**

LET US PRAY: Almighty and eternal God, the sole worker of miracles, infuse Your saving grace into Your servants and the congregations committed to their care. May Your blessings cover them like a continual dew and make them truly pleasing to You. Through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.

## **FOR PEACE AND CONCORD IN A COMMUNITY**

LET US PRAY: O God, giver of peace and lover of charity, grant Your servants complete union with Your will, so that we may be free from all temptations that beset us. Through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.

## **FOR RAIN**

LET US PRAY: O God, in Whom we live, move, and have our being, grant us the rain we need, so that Your answer to our present earthly needs may give us greater confidence to ask for eternal benefits. Through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.

## **FOR CHARITY**

LET US PRAY: O God, for those who love You, all things work together for good. Instill in our hearts an unwavering love for You, so that the desires that spring up in us as a result of Your inspiration may ever remain unchanged in spite of every temptation. Through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.

## FOR OUR ENEMIES

LET US PRAY: O God, You are the lover and guardian of peace and charity. Grant true peace and love to our enemies, forgive them their sins, and let their might guard us against their deceptions. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

## FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

LET US PRAY: Almighty and eternal God, Lord of both the living and the dead, Your mercy embraces all men foreknown to be Yours by faith and a good life. Through the intercession of all Your saints, grant merciful pardon to those for whom we pray, whether they still are living in this world or have departed from this flesh to the world to come. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

## FOR ANY NECESSITY

LET US PRAY: O God, our refuge and strength, source of all good, hear the earnest prayers of Your Church, and grant us the requests we make in deep faith. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.





